

At Hamburg a Government Committee was formed, consisting of the Prince of Eckmühl as President, <!omte de Jhaban, Councillor of State, who superintended the departments of the Interior and Finance, and of M. Faure, Councillor of State, who was appointed to form and regulate the Courts of Law. I had sometimes met M. de Chaban at Malmaison. He was distantly related to Josephine, and had formerly been an officer in the French Guards. He was compelled to emigrate, having been subjected to every species of persecution during the Revolution.¹

M. de Chaban was among the first of the emigrants who returned to France after the 18th Brumaire. He was at first made Sub-Prefect of Vendôme, but on the union of Tuscany with France Napoleon created him a member of the Junta appointed to regulate the affairs of Tuscany. He next became Prefect of Coblenz and Brussels, wan xuacU* a Count by Bonaparte, and was afterwards chosen a member of the Government Committee* at Hamburg. M. de Jhaban was a man of upright principles, and he discharged his various functions in a way that commanded esteem and attachment.³

The Hanseatic Towns, united to the Grand Empire professedly for their welfare, soon felt th^e blenaingB of the new organization of a regenerating Government. They were at once presented with the stamp-duty, registration, the lottery, the *drotts reunis*, the tax on cardn, and the *ortrtn*. This prodigality of presents caused, as we may be sure*, the most lively

¹ I recollect an anecdote which but too well depictit thofte dinantrous titties. The Comte ci© Chaban, being obliged to oriij* France during the Reign of Terror, was compelled to a*Num<* u disguise. Ha accordingly pro-vidml himself with a smock-frock, a cart and honwft, and a low! of corn. In this manner he journeyed from place to place till he reached the frontiers, He stopped at Rnchambonu, in the Voidomata, where he win recognised by the Marshal do Rocluunheau, who, t<> guard agftinMt exciting arty's nimicioh among hi« servants, treated him as If h« had really IKHII a carman, aiul said to him, " You may ditto in the kitchen." /tnHrrii'ntw*

² ** If," tmys tint Cnmtt) Al<xandro de l*yumaigro (p, lJS>), who was em ployed under Chaban in 1811 at Hamburg, "any ono could aofUm thtise dis positions (of Manihal iHivcumt), not by hli vwry limited mt*iins, but by the influence given by a patriarchal and reproadilefyi lite, true moderation, and undoubted honesty, it was thi* Comte de Chabati, Oouncllor

**of Htate, charged
with the finance of the Ncirth^rn DejuurttntA, lately
atmexnd.** He was
loved and <*Kteemed at- Hamburg, where he often
succeeded In rwluetng the
burden* iwid In nmdering the pcflUon lew i»aiitful.^M
Chabftn died of typhus
at Hamburg in 1812.